

BITS Pilani appoints V Sambasiva Rao as acting vice chancellor

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After accepting the role of vice chancellor in 2010, Jain had made prolific and sustained contributions to teaching and research at the institute. His administrative acumen has been showcased through the multi-campus structure he provided for the smooth functioning of the university.

Addressing the audience during his farewell, Jain said, "BITS Pilani is committed to both quality and expansion. This commitment to transparency and stress on equal opportunity has been a key contributing factor behind its emergence as an institute of national repute."

On taking up the new role, V Sambasiva Rao said, "This institute is very much on the path of excellence with its established values. I would like to march along with my colleagues in continuing the journey and reaching new heights. Along with our deeper and committed industry engagement, we will continue to lay emphasis on teaching, research, innovation and entrepreneurship."

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DECCAN Chronicle

Andhra Pradesh man appointed BITS Pilani Vice-Chancellor

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Guntur: Prof. V. Sambasiva Rao, native of Tullur in the new capital region in Guntur district, has been appointed as the acting vice-chancellor of BITS Pilani. Prof. Sambasiva Rao, an alumunus of BITS Pilani, took the charge on Friday.

Born in Tullur, Mr Sambasiva Rao completed his primary education at Tullur. He completed intermediate and degree from Andhra Christian College at Guntur. Later, he joined BITS Pilani and completed M. Sc (Chemistry) and joined there as a faculty.

Prof Sambasiva Rao said that he has been associated with BITS Pilani for over four decades in various capacities such as dean of Practice School, deputy director, off campus programmes and director, BITS

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Prof. Sambasiva Rao recalled that as a Director, he established BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad campus in a sprawling 200 acres of land making it fully residential that accommodates 3,200 students and 160 faculty members.

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V.S. Rao takes over as the acting V-C, BITS Pilani.

Prof. V. Sambasiva Rao, who was instrumental in establishing the BITS Pilani-Hyderabad campus as its Director, has now been appointed as the acting Vice-Chancellor of BITS Pilani campus.

He took charge from Prof. Bijendra Nath Jain, who completed his five years tenure as the Vice Chancellor.

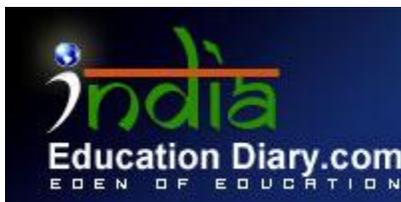
Prof. Rao, who hails from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, has been associated with BITS Pilani for over four decades in various capacities such as Dean Practice School, Deputy Director off-campus programmes and Director, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad campus. As a Director, Prof. Rao established Hyderabad campus in a sprawling 200 acres of land making it fully residential – accommodating over 3,200 students and 160 faculty members.

Prof. Rao told *The Hindu* that he would march along with his colleagues in continuing the great journey of BITS and reaching new heights. “Along with our deeper and committed industry engagement, we will continue to lay emphasis on teaching, research, innovation and entrepreneurship,” he said.

An alumnus of BITS Pilani, he did his MSc. and PhD from BITS and obtained a certificate on Educational Economics and Research from University of Bielfeld, Germany.

He is an educationist with specialisations in training need assessment, institution-industry interface design, curriculum development, development of practice school, off-campus infrastructure and project management.

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Addressing the audience during his farewell, Prof. Bijendra Nath Jain stressed upon the fact that change takes time and cooperation of team members helps a great deal in the growth of an institute. He further emphasized, "BITS Pilani is committed to both quality and expansion. This commitment to transparency and stress on equal opportunity has been a key contributing factor behind its emergence as an institute of

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Prof. Rao is a member of many professional and research bodies such as CII, FICCI State Councils, Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), Institute of Public Health, Research Advisory Committee of SHARE INDIA and Mediciti Institute of Medical Sciences. He has also spearheaded the Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Technology Business Incubation in BITS Pilani, Hyderabad campus. He was honored with an eminent educationist award at Indo Global Education Summit 2013. His passion for teaching has earned accolades from several batches of BITS students and was honored at the BITS Alumni Association Global Meet 2014 for making 'learning a wonderful experience'.

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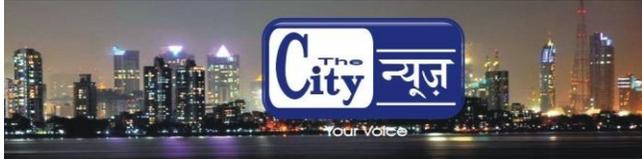
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